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The Christian Adventure. By A. Herbert Gray.
New York: Association Press, 1920. Pp.
vi+134. \$1.25.

This book is one of the freshest, clearest, and most stimulating statements of the Christian faith and program that we have seen in a long time. The writer is the minister of the White Memorial United Free Church of Glasgow, Scotland. He has an altogether remarkable power of lucid and convincing statement. Most appropriately he calls the effort to follow Christ an "adventure"; and he sets it forth in such a way that any strong man or woman must feel the worth and the nobleness of it. There are eight chapters, in which the writer discusses the principal characteristics of the life and message of Jesus, displays in most clear and attractive outline the great conception of the Kingdom of God, and shows what Jesus would have us do about it. The fearless and specific character of the discussion is what commends it so strongly to our minds. Dr. Gray shows, for example, just what must be involved in the economic situation and in our treatment of the race problem by the actual application of the teachings of Jesus to these fields of contemporary life. Sacrifice and heroic denial would be involved; but the program of the Kingdom is the most majestic and beautiful conception of human life that ever has been set before us. Dr. Gray knows the world in which we are living; he relates his discussion to the modern situation; but he leaves us with the vision of a final condition of life brought about by the gradual realization of the message of Jesus that kindles our flagging ideals and sets us at our common tasks with a new sense of their divine value and the joy that lies in doing them for God. We commend this book to a wide reading among students and all earnest, thoughtful young men and women who are seeking to find out what life really means.

Religion Among American Men. By the
Committee on the War and Religious Out-
look. New York: Association Press, 1920.
Pp. xvi+155. \$1.50.

The committee that issues this volume is making a genuine contribution to the knowledge of the facts upon which the churches must base their programs if they are to serve the world that emerges needy and bewildered from the Great War. This study is divided into three parts: the state of religion as revealed in the army; the effect of the war on religion in the army; lessons for the church. Each section is followed by a concise summary of the findings in the

section. These pages ought to be before every church or convention that is planning to serve the nation through the organized church. The committee reports that "the great majority of men have some religious ideas, but they are dim and vague. There is almost universally a belief in God and in immortality, but neither conception has definitely Christian content. So far as men think of Christ, it is with feelings of respect, but to great numbers He is only a dim figure of the past far removed from their present interests and needs." As to the effect of the war on personal religion, the report is not positive. Temporarily men were sobered and made to think more seriously; but there is much evidence that there has been little change in the religion of the soldiers. The most important part of the report is contained in the last twenty-five pages. It would be worth the space to quote these findings extensively, but this is impossible within the space of so short a review. We commend the careful study of these findings to all our ministers and churches. On the whole the report is encouraging; but its revelation of the poverty of the religious life of our young men is disheartening. The church never had a greater or more rewarding task set before it than it has now. The difficulties only make the service more attractive and worth while.

The Women Who Came in the Mayflower. By
Annie Russell Marble. Boston: Pilgrim
Press, 1920. Pp. vii+110. \$1.50.

The writer has gathered with painstaking care the information available concerning the women who came to Plymouth in the "Mayflower," together with those who came in the "Anne" and the "Fortune," and has told the story in pleasant style. It is a heroic record. During the first dreadful winter fifteen of these courageous women died, and those who survived endured great hardships. There are happy factors in the record, however, and the writer has given us these. We read the old wills and are happy to know that the women had pretty dresses to hand down to their descendants. The sketch of Susanna White Winslow is attractively drawn. The story of Priscilla Mullins is given with fine regard for the known facts. There are ample references to the authorities in the case, and the work has been carefully done in all cases where tradition and romance have been busy for years with these well-known names. The book is attractively printed, provided with a full index, and is a welcome addition to the literature appropriate to the ter-centenary of the coming of the Pilgrim Fathers to Plymouth.